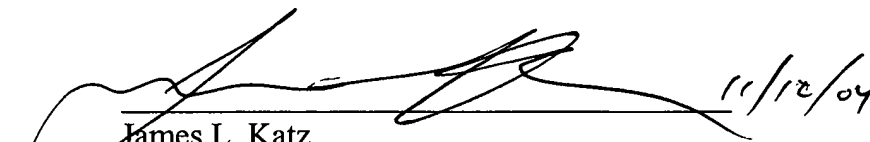


CONCLUSION

Each of the rejections in the Office Action dated August 12, 2004 has been addressed and no new matter has been added. Applicants submit that all of the pending claims are in
5 condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if it would expedite the prosecution of this application.

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please delete figures 1-30b and replace with new figures 1-30b, which are each marked as a "Replacement Sheet." Figures 1-30b are being replaced because the Preliminary Amendment, dated May 28, 2004, failed to identify each figure as a "Replacement Sheet."

- 5 The Figures were replaced in the Preliminary Amendment to correct the sheet numbers to reflect the addition of Figures 31a-46i. Figures 31a-46i were incorporated by reference from the parent application, U.S. Patent No. 6,694,270 and were properly entered in the Preliminary Amendment dated May 28, 2004.